

MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Elim Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Sullivan Baptist Church,

September 7th, 1895.

OFFICERS.

J. T. FILLINGIM, MODERATOR..... Bluff Springs, Fla.

J. H. McANALLY, CLERK AND TREASURER Atmore, Ala.

The next session of the Association will be held with Pleasant Hill Church, on
Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1896.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

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| J. L. Bryars..... | Bluff Springs, Fla. |
| J. T. Fillingim..... | Bluff Springs, Fla. |
| R. W. Brooks..... | Bluff Springs, Fla. |
| H. G. B. Ray..... | Canoe Station, Ala. |
| J. H. McAnally..... | Atmore, Ala. |
| A. M. Lowery..... | Canoe Station, Ala. |

STANDING RESOLUTION OF ELIM ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That any member of any church constituting this Association when visiting a sister Association shall be recognized as a Corresponding Messenger of this Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Appoint Committee to Read Letters.
2. Names of Delegates Enrolled.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
5. Admission of New Churches.
6. Recognize Messengers from Corresponding Bodies.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Invitation to Ministers of the Gospel, not Accredited to the Body, to Seats with us.
9. Appointment of Committees to Report During the Session.
10. Reports of Committees Appointed at Last Session.
11. Appointment of Committees to Report at Next Session.
12. Report of Committees, Present Session.
13. Motions and Resolutions.
14. Miscellaneous.
15. Appoint Time and Place of Next Meeting.
16. Treasurer's Report
17. Disbursement of Funds on Hand.

LIST OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

1. On Temperance—W. C. Hall, Canoe Station, Ala.
2. On Missions—R. J. Bowman, McDavid Station, Fla.
3. On Sunday Schools—J. S. Richburg, Perdido, Ala.
4. On State of Religion—J. H. McAnally, Atmore, Ala.
5. On Ministerial Education—J. D. Trammell, Atmore, Ala.
6. On Periodicals and Publications—W. W. Lowery, Atmore, Ala.
7. On Woman's Work—M. C. Tidmore, Atmore, Ala.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

The Elim Baptist Association met with Sullivan church, Sept. 7th, 1895.

The Association was called to order by Rev. J. L. Bryars.

Devotional exercises by Rev. I. Spence.

Brothers J. H. McAnally, W. P. Bowman and R. L. Stewart were appointed to read the letters.

Names of churches called and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Enon—A. T. Lee, F. Waters, J. H. McAnally.
Oak Grove—J. A. Godwin, W. M. Agerton.
Ray's Chapel—J. W. Brewton, R. J. Bowman, W. P. Bowman.
Pine Barren—U. H. Grimlar, C. J. Ward, I. D. Stewart.
Canoe—A. M. Lowery, W. C. Hall.
Traveler's Rest—Not represented.
Magnolia—J. L. Jordan, L. Jordan, R. Robinson and J. Jordan.
Perdido—C. R. Weekly, J. S. Richburg, W. R. Countryman, C. E. Davis.
Little Escambia—J. M. Godwin, H. Noles, J. W. Noles.
Pleasant Hill—J. L. Bryars, J. T. Fillingim, Holden Franklin, E. C. Gentry.
Sardis—W. A. Kellam, H. G. B. Ray, B. Miles, Jr.
Antioch—Not represented.
Sullivan—R. L. Stewart, J. W. Sanks, F. E. Hubbard.
Mars Hill—W. H. Gibson, J. M. Steadham.
Pineville—T. J. Donald, W. D. Donald.
Williams—J. D. Trammell, W. W. Lowery, M. C. Tidmore.
Blue Springs—Letter.

The following officers were elected:

J. T. Fillingim, Moderator; J. H. McAnally, Clerk and Treasurer.

Adjourned to 2:00 p. m. for Introductory Sermon, which was preached by Rev. J. T. Fillingim, from Matthew 13 chapter 37th and 38th verses.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 p. m.

Devotional exercises by Rev. D. R. Cooper.

Committee on Preaching—R. L. Stewart, W. W. Lowery, J. W. Brewton.

Petitionary Letter was received and delegates enrolled:

Olive—J. T. Davis, D. M. Merritt.

Correspondents—Rev. I. Spence, L. M. Bradley, J. W. Stewart, of the Conecuh Association; Rev. J. R. Cooper, of the Mobile Association; Rev. T. T. Daughdrill, of Cahaba Association and the Judson Institute; W. A. Parker, Jr., Bethlehem Association.

Returned Correspondence—To the State Convention, Selma, Ala., Rev. J. L. Bryars, J. T. Fillingim, J. H. McAnally.
 Conecuh Association—W. R. Countryman, W. W. Brown.
 Bethlehem Association—J. H. McAnally, J. L. Bryars, Wm. Gibson.
 Mobile Association—J. H. McAnally, R. L. Stewart
 Pensacola Bay Association—J. T. Fillingim, J. L. Bryars, T. J. Davis, D. M. Merritt.
 Florida State Convention—J. L. Bryars, J. T. Fillingim.

Rev. J. T. Fillingim was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and J. H. McAnally, alternate.

Committee on Queries and Requests—J. S. Richburg, F. Waters, E. C. Gentry.

Committee on Finance—J. L. Bryars, W. P. Bowman, T. J. Davis.

Committee on Missions—I. D. Stewart, W. W. Lowery, A. T. Lee.

Committee on Sunday Schools—D. M. Merritt, J. L. Jordan, J. W. Brewton.

Committee on Periodicals and Publications—W. C. Hall, Holden Franklin, W. W. Brown.

Committee on Preaching made the following report:

Rev. J. W. Stewart Sunday 11 a. m., H. G. B. Ray 3 p. m., L. M. Bradley 7:30 p. m.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read, and, after being discussed by J. L. Bryars, W. A. Parker, T. T. Daughdrill, T. J. Davis and D. R. Cooper, was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, make the following report: We are sorry to see no interest in this grand work, and we recommend that each church make an effort to raise an educational fund as early as possible. We urge upon the Elim Association the necessity of this grand work, and hope the Association will take more interest in this work in the future.

W. A. KILLAM, Ch'n,
 A. T. LEE,
 W. C. HALL.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Devotional exercises by Rev. J. L. Bryars.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read, and, after being discussed by J. L. Bryars, A. M. Lowery, T. J. Davis, W. C. Hall, D. M. Merritt, J. M. Parker, W. R. Countryman, H. G. B. Ray, J. T. Fillingim, W. M. Agerton, R. J. Bowman, was adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report: We find that there is less alcoholic liquors used by our church members to-day than we have ever known; we are glad that temperance is taking the place of intemperance. Thank God for it. An expression was taken to carry out our resolution of former years.

R. J. BOWMAN, Ch'n,
 A. T. LEE,
 U. H. GRIMLAR.

A motion was made to permit Rev J. W. Stewart, of the Orphanage, to press the claims of the Orphan's Home, after which a collection was taken to the amount of \$11.20.

Adjourned to meet Sunday at 9 a. m. to discuss the Sunday School report.

SECOND DAY.

The Association was called to order Sunday by the Moderator. Devotional Exercises by Rev W. A. Parker.

The Sunday School report, after being read, was discussed by J. H. McAnally, J. W. Brewton, J. L. Bryars, J. T. Fillingim, J. A. Godwin, R. J. Bowman, H. G. B. Ray, J. M. J. W. Brewton, Parker, I. Stewart, I. Spence, W. M. Agerton.

Adjourned to meet Monday at 9 a. m.

Sunday at 11 a. m. a Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Stewart from 1st John 3rd chapter 2nd verse, after which a collection was taken up amounting to \$9.54.

THIRD DAY.

The Association was called to order Monday at 9 a. m.

Devotional Exercises by Rev. L. M. Bradley.

The Sunday School report was then adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report that we find sixteen churches represented, and there are seventeen Sunday Schools reported, and we find there are 129 scholars more this year than were reported last year, and we urge upon each church of this Association the necessity of this grand work, and we hope that each church will report a thriving Sunday School, for without it we are not discharging our full duty.

D. M. MERRITT, Ch'n,
J. W. BREWTON,
J. L. JORDAN.

The Committee on State of Religion made the following report, and, after being discussed by J. L. Bryars, was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on the State of Religion, report that we find an increase in membership of twenty-four, and in the Sunday Schools an increase of 129, making a total of 153 for the church and Sunday Schools who have shown by connecting themselves with these religious bodies that they are trying to do something for the cause of religion, and we thank God that this glorious cause is advancing.

R. L. STEWART, Ch'n.

The Committee on Missions rendered their report, and, after being discussed by Rev. L. M. Bradley, D. M. Merritt, Rev. I.

Spence, J. L. Bryars, J. H. McNally, J. T. Fillingim, A. M. Lowery, was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to report: We regret to see that there has been so little done for mission work during the past two years, and we recommend that the churches take monthly collections for this purpose. May God help us in this great work.

J. D. STEWART, Ch'n,
W. W. LOWERY,
A. T. LEE.

The report on Queries and Requests was read, and, after being discussed by Rev. L. M. Bradley, J. L. Bryars, I. Spence, J. D. Trammel, W. C. Hall, R. L. Stewart, U. H. Grimlar, J. T. Fillingim, was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Queries and Requests, report: We find two queries and one request:

No. 1. Is it right for Baptist churches to allow their members to dance, either after vocal or instrumental music, or to visit dancing parties? We answer, No.

No. 2. Is it right to retain members in our churches who never pay their pastor? We claim that it is not right to retain such members in our churches.

We find a request from Pleasant Hill church to hold your next session with it, which we recommend.

J. S. RICHBURG, Ch'n,
F. M. WATERS,
E. C. GENTRY.

Adjourned to meet at 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional exercises by W. R. Countryman.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read, and, after being discussed by J. D. Trammel, J. T. Fillingim, J. L. Bryars, was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to report progress, and, while we are made to rejoice for this, still there is much more that can and should be done in this fruitful field of the Lord's work. In addition to the organization of a Ladies' Central Missionary Society of the Elim Association there have been branch Societies organized in some of our churches, and the results already achieved are highly gratifying. Then let us take courage and move forward in this work and with the Lord's blessing, for richer and grander results can yet be attained.

J. D. TRAMMEL, Ch'n,
W. W. LOWERY,
U. H. GRIMLAR.

Report of the Woman's Missionary Society of Pleasant Hill church to the Elim Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—We take pleasure in presenting to you the following report: Owing to the depressed financial condition of the country at large, of course we have not been able to do as much financially as we did last year, but have done the best we could.

We have paid for—

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| Foreign Missions..... | \$11 63 |
| Home Missions..... | 9 92 |
| State Missions..... | 7 80 |
| Total..... | —\$29 35 |

Of this amount \$7 45 was paid by the Children's Mission Band. We ask for a continuance of your prayers for our success, and that other churches may be aroused to see the importance of this work.

MRS. R. W. BROOKS, Pres't,
LILLIAN BROOKS, Sec'y,
NORA FRANKLIN, Treas.

Resolved. That we recommend to the various churches of the Association that they organize a branch Ladies' Aid Society, and also send delegates to the meeting of the Association for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Central Aid Society.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals and Publications was read, and, after being discussed by J. L. Bryars, J. D. Trammel, J. T. Davis, A. M. Lowery, D. M. Merritt, I. Spence, W. R. Countryman, was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Periodicals and Publications, report that we are glad to see an increasing interest by our brethren in the Alabama Baptist and the Florida Witness. We are glad to see an improvement, and that they are ably defending the doctrines and faith once delivered to the saints, and we request each family of the Elim Association to read them. We recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Literature.

W. C. HALL, Ch'n,
HOLDEN FRANKLIN,
W. W. BROWN.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

- On Temperance—W. C. Hall, E. C. Gentry, J. W. Brewton.
- On Missions—R. J. Bowman, A. T. Lee, D. M. Merritt.
- On Sunday Schools—J. S. Richburg, F. E. Hubbard, W. W. Lowery.
- On State of Religion—J. H. McAnally, W. H. Gibson, J. A. Godwin.
- On Ministerial Education—J. D. Trammel, U. H. Grimler, W. R. Countryman.
- On Periodicals and Publications—W. W. Lowery, W. A. Killam, J. L. Jordan.
- On Woman's Work—M. C. Tidmore, B. Miles, Jr.

The Finance Committee made their report, which was adopted as follows:

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| Minute Fund..... | \$23 70 |
| Sunday Collection..... | 9 54 |
| Home Missions..... | 85 |
| Associational Missions..... | 11 16 |
| In hands of Chairman of Missionary Committee..... | 24 02—\$69 27 |

The Moderator appointed the following Missionary Committee:

Olive, D. M. Merritt, Chairman; Pleasant Hill, Holden Franklin; Williams, M. C. Tidmore; Magnolia, Jesse Jordan; Canoe, W. C. Hall; Pine Barren, J. W. Bartly; Perdido, Lewis Thornly; Enon, E. A. Bray; Antioch, H. E. Hobbs; Sardis, H. C. Killam; Pineville, T. J. Donald; Mars Hill, J. M. Kelly; Sullivan, F. E. Hubbard; Ray's Chapel, J. W. Bowman; Blue Springs, Wm. Fox; Little Escambia, J. W. Godwin; Traveler's Rest, W. R. Enimons.

Meetings of Missionary Committee:

- 1st. Pine Barren church, 2nd Sunday in October.
- 2nd. Ray's Chapel, 2nd and 5th Sundays.
- 3rd. Williams, 3rd and 5th Sundays.
- 4th. Pleasant Hill—Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to Sullivan and community for their kindness to us during our stay with them.

The Treasurer made the following report:

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| Received from Finance Committee for— | |
| Minutes..... | \$23 70 |
| Sunday Collection..... | 9 54 |
| Associational Purposes..... | 11 16 |
| Home Missions..... | 85 |
| Total on hand..... | ————\$45 25 |

The Treasurer was instructed to pay over the Associational Funds to Treasurer of Missionary Committee.

The amount sent for minutes was paid to the Clerk, and he was instructed to use \$15 00 for minutes and to retain the balance for his service.

Rev. A. M. Lowery was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon, Rev. J. T. Fillingim, alternate.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill church on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m.

J. H. McANALLY,
Clerk.

J. T. FILLINGIM,
MODERATOR.

STATISTICS OF ELIM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1895.

| CHURCH. | COUNTY AND STATE. | PASTOR. | CLERK. | CLERK'S P. O. | Membership last reported | Increase | Decrease | S. S. Officers & Teachers Present Membership. | S. S. Pupils. | S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS' NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS. | Preaching Sabbaths. |
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| 1 Antioch | Escambia, Ala. | A. M. Lowery | J. Burgess | Canoe, Ala. | 34 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 9 | J. Burgess, Canoe, Ala. | 4 |
| 2 Blue Springs | Escambia, Ala. | H. G. B. Ray | E. B. Beasley | Canoe, Ala. | 8 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 3 | Wm. Fox, Canoe, Ala. | 4 |
| 3 Canoe | Escambia, Ala. | A. M. Lowery | W. C. Hall | Canoe, Ala. | 46 | 23 | 1 | 30 | 38 | W. C. Hall, Canoe, Ala. | 4 |
| 4 Enon | Escambia, Fla. | J. H. McAnally | A. T. Lee | Ray, Ala. | 56 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 35 | A. T. Lee, Ray, Ala. | 4 |
| 5 Little Escambia | Escambia, Ala. | J. L. Byrars | A. J. Niles | Flomaton, Ala. | 15 | 18 | 4 | 37 | 83 | A. J. Niles, Flomaton, Ala. | 4 |
| 6 Mars Hill | Escambia, Ala. | J. H. McAnally | Wm. Gibson | Atmore, Ala. | 30 | 5 | 1 | 47 | 23 | W. H. Gibson, Atmore, Ala. | 4 |
| 7 Magnolia | Escambia, Ala. | J. L. Byrars | E. M. Jordan | Flomaton, Ala. | 55 | 5 | 1 | 59 | 59 | 30 Isham Jordan, Flomaton Ala. | 4 |
| 8 Mitchell's Creek | Escambia, Fla. | J. Coleman | J. Coleman | Canoe, Ala. | 63 | 3 | 3 | 63 | 63 | A. J. Godwin, Atmore, Ala. | 4 |
| 9 Oak Grove | Escambia, Fla. | J. H. McAnally | J. W. M. Agerton | Pine Barren, Fla. | 34 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 35 | A. J. Godwin, Atmore, Ala. | 4 |
| 10 Pine Barren | Escambia, Fla. | J. L. Byrars | B. M. Byrars | Atmore, Ala. | 36 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 35 | H. Howard, Perdido, Ala. | 4 |
| 11 Perdido | Baldwin, Ala. | J. T. Fillingim | J. S. Richburg | Perdido, Ala. | 68 | 10 | 2 | 73 | 73 | J. Z. Byrars, Bluff Springs, Fla. | 4 |
| 12 Pleasant Hill | Escambia, Fla. | E. W. Holley | J. T. Fillingim | Bluff Springs, Fla. | 124 | 25 | 3 | 2 | 80 | R. J. Bowman, McDavid, Fla. | 4 |
| 13 Pnueville | Escambia, Fla. | R. W. Brooks | T. J. Donald | Wilson, Ala. | 8 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 12 | R. J. Bowman, McDavid, Fla. | 4 |
| 14 Ray's Chapel | Escambia, Fla. | J. T. Fillingim | J. W. Brewton | McDavid, Fla. | 25 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 31 | R. J. Bowman, McDavid, Fla. | 4 |
| 15 Sullivan | Escambia, Ala. | J. T. Fillingim | R. L. Stewart | Sullivan, Ala. | 59 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 66 | R. L. Stewart, Sullivan, Ala. | 4 |
| 16 Sallis | Escambia, Ala. | I. Spence | R. W. Brooks | Sullivan, Ala. | 52 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 59 | J. B. Nicks, Flomaton, Ala. | 4 |
| 17 Olive | Escambia, Fla. | A. M. Lowery | J. P. Jones | Flomaton, Ala. | 12 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 16 | D. M. Merritt, Olive, Fla. | 4 |
| 18 Williams | Escambia, Ala. | D. R. Cooper | L. G. Beatty | Olive, Fla. | 37 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 48 | L. G. Beatty, Atmore, Ala. | 4 |

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